



ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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YOUR 2003 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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WHAT IS A STEWARD?

As Christians, we believe that God is the giver of all good things. This is what we profess in the closing prayer of the Divine Liturgy. Christians are stewards of God's world. We return to God a portion of our **time, talents, and resources** to advance His Church on earth.

A steward knows of the need to give. In this way, a steward emulates God, that is, a steward does as God does. At the Annunciation Cathedral, we are all stewards. That is, we give of our

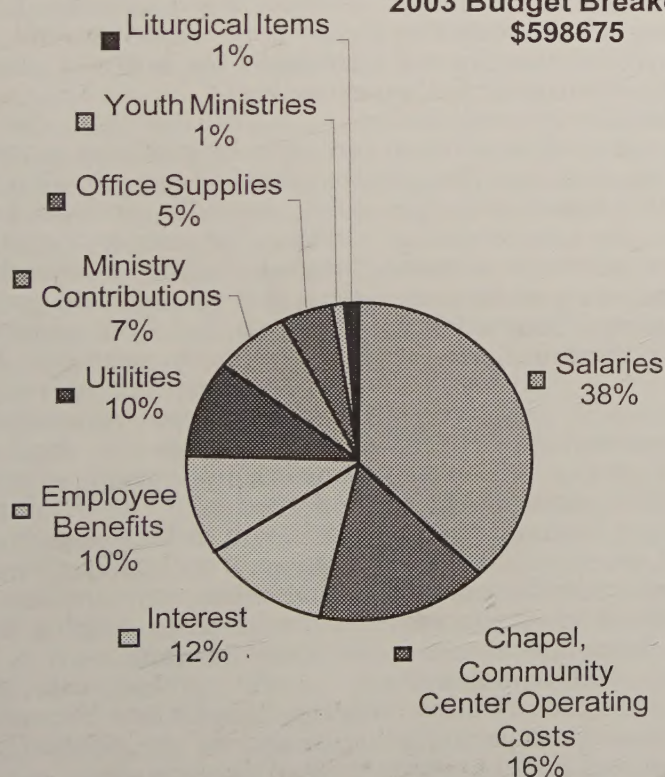
time, our talents, and of our resources. Some of us give more than others. A few of us **tithe**. That is, we give 10% of our income to the Church. Many more of us may not give 10%, which is the Biblical norm on giving, but **we do our best within our means**. Some of us don't give much at all. In fact, we don't even send in a pledge card, except when it's time to marry or baptize, dance or play basketball. Or, if we do, we give the least. A few people give amounts under \$100 for the year. And this is not because they cannot afford to give

more. It's because giving to the Church is not important for them. More than likely, they don't understand why they need to give. In order to help them, and to inform all of us, your Stewardship Committee offers the graphic shown on page 2..

HOW MUCH IS THE PARISH BUDGET?

Annunciation Cathedral's operating budget for 2003 is just under \$600,000 (\$598,675 to be exact). This includes paying on
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2003 Budget Breakdown
\$598675



- Salaries
- Chapel, Community Center Operating Costs
- Interest
- Employee Benefits
- Utilities
- Ministry Contributions
- Office Supplies
- Youth Ministries
- Liturgical Items

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what we owe on the building, which is just over \$1 million. You can look at the graphic below and see that 38% of our budget goes to salaries. You might say that's a lot of money, but it's actually the very least that it takes to operate our community. While some area parishes have several paid staff members in various positions, the Annunciation Cathedral has only 1 priest, only 1 secretary (who is also the bookkeeper), only 1 custodian, and only 1 youth director (who also doubles up as the catering manager). Thank God for the many volunteers. Otherwise, the Cathedral would not be able to offer the many programs that it does.

The expenses shown on the chart on page 1 are offset by income, the biggest portion of which--\$225,000--is slated to come in from stewardship pledges. (The rest is scheduled to come in as follows: \$25,000 from Sunday Collections, \$25,000 from Pangari, \$16,000 from Christmas and Easter offerings, \$90,000 from the Food Festival, \$65,000 from rental of the hall, and the rest from renting the facilities to the school.) Even at that, we will not be able to make ends meet. Therefore, we ask you to study the graphic below and ask yourself, "**am I giving what I should be giving to my Church?**" If you, as a family, are giving less than \$100 a month, the answer is, "no."

HOW MUCH SHOULD I BE GIVING TO MY CHURCH?

We mentioned tithing (giving 10%) above. This is how much the Bible says we should be giving to our Church. When we go out to a restaurant, for example, we have a guide: 15-20% of the bill. We have a guide when we go to pay our income taxes. A formula is used, based on our income, less our deductions. Most of us pay between 25 and 50%. When we go shopping, we pay sales tax. In San Francisco, that tax is 8.5% of our taxable purchases. One local parish has even adopted a guide of giving \$1 a week for every \$1000 of annual income after taxes. According to this guide, if your annual income is \$40,000 after taxes, then you would

give \$40 a week. Whatever you do, please sit down and calculate your 2003 stewardship pledge using a guide.

CAN I CHANGE MY COMMITMENT?

Of course you can. (And you may.) One of our parishioners (we don't use names) sent in the family's 2003 stewardship pledge in January, along with a check for payment in full. Then, after speaking with the folks at the Stewardship booth one Sunday, this person raised the family's stewardship pledge for 2003 to \$5,000. And this is not a rich person, just a hard-working person who loves the Lord and the Church and appreciates what the Church means for that family.

OUR GOAL FOR THE YEAR.

The Stewardship Committee's 2003 campaign intends to sign up no less than 600 stewards. Ideally, the entire budget of \$600,000 should be covered by our stewardship, if we truly pledged and gave what we can afford to give.

YOU WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED

The Stewardship Committee is not going to use categories or amounts (its job is to **inspire** and **motivate**, not to embarrass). In the next issue of the *Herald*, it will list, in alphabetical order, all those who have made a Stewardship Pledge for 2003. It wishes to acknowledge and thank you for your ongoing support. After all, Annunciation Cathedral is you, our parishioners. The article by our Stewardship Chairman, **Gus Vouchilas**, says it all.

My Fellow Stewards:

Although it seems difficult to believe, Great Lent is nearly upon us. The Lenten season offers us an opportunity to reflect on all aspects of our lives relative to our Christian faith. It is a time to renew our faith with conviction and with humility. It is a time for us to examine ourselves introspectively and to ask ourselves, among other things, "Am I a true Steward of my faith and of my church?" You see, I believe that in order to embrace our

faith we must "live" the faith. It is not enough to "go through the motions." We must set the example for our fellow Christians as well as Non-Christians.

Stewardship is a multifaceted concept that encompasses all areas of "living the faith." We count on our church to fill our hearts and our minds. In the same way that we count on the church, *the church counts on us*. Our cathedral is only as strong as its Stewards are. Without our combined efforts and commitment, our cathedral would cease to exist, as we know it. What would our lives be like without the Annunciation? I would venture to say that we would feel lost and even abandoned. Without proper financial support, the church also feels lost and abandoned. How does the Annunciation survive without its Stewards?

In an effort to keep our hope, faith, and love alive, I ask you to look inside yourself. Are you the best Steward you can be? Have you increased your 2003 pledge to offset the increases in costs to the Cathedral for services, supplies, and the like? Our operating budget for the year is over a half million dollars and our annual Stewardship collected this past year was not even half of that amount. So how do we sustain ourselves?

Until we can rise to the occasion by pledging according to the gifts God has provided all of us with, we will continue to run a deficit. The essence of giving is an "attitude." It is an attitude in the sense that we must feel good about giving so that God acknowledges our gifts with great joy. Imagine how He must feel when you give openly to support your church.

Another facet of Stewardship is giving of your time and talents. The Annunciation needs you in that respect as well. Imagine, if each of us gives according to what we have been given, we could reach heights we have never seen before.

So please ask yourself again, "Am I a true Steward of my faith and of my church?".....then give all that you can.

Gus Vouchilas
Stewardship Chair

CONVERSATION WITH NEIGHBORS HELD IN AFTERMATH OF INCIDENT

Fortunately, no one was hurt. However, following this year's most successful crab feed, an incident occurred which resulted in the following actions: 1. the requirement that all organizations holding events maintain security services for the duration of the event and 2. an ongoing conversation between the Cathedral and its neighbors about ways to make the neighborhood a safer, and cleaner, place.

On January 24th, the security hired for the crabfeed left at 10 p.m., in accordance with the arrangements made, since the event normally concludes by that time. However, the event ran over by about a half hour. An individual (inebriated or on some substance, according to observers) approached a couple of our guests as the guests were entering their car, parked in the back, rented lot, along Stevenson Street. The individual was contained by other guests, as police were called to take the individual away. While this is an isolated incident (we cannot recall a similar one in the last 16 years), it caused us to take the action mentioned above.

Thanks to one of our Parish Council members, **Michael Bagatelos**, who took the initiative to call the property owners of the buildings along Stevenson Street (the alley behind the Cathedral) and Woodward Street (the street parallel to Stevenson). They met at the Cathedral on February 5 and agreed to form a committee to address issues of drugs and violence in our neighborhood. The Committee intends to work together to rid the area of drugs and violence, making the neighborhood a safe place to be. The Police Department, along with several Government Agencies, have agreed to assist in this endeavor. On March 5 another meeting will take place at the Cathedral. Mr. Gabriel Murrera and Mr. Chris Daly, experts in the aforementioned fields, will discuss the undesired activities, such as drug use, vandalism, and constant harassment, and help us find remedies

and solutions to these ongoing problems.

ARCHITECT DELIVERS DESIGN/COST OPTIONS

The long-awaited architectural alternative schemes ordered by the Parish Council were presented by Goldman Architects at a meeting of the Parish Council on February 19. Essentially, the scenarios are as follows:

1. Extending the present chapel into the courtyard, thus increasing the seating capacity to 324 (at 21" per seat, or 400, at 18" per seat), developing a proper altar area, and building two levels of parking below the current level, for three levels of parking. The estimated cost for this scenario is \$3,836,960.

2. Building a Cathedral church along the lines of the model (located in the entrance lobby), along with ancillary facilities, to accommodate 438 worshippers (at 21" per seat, or 528 seats, at 18" per seat), along with two levels of parking below the Cathedral. The estimated cost for this scenario is \$5,881,645.

3. Building the Cathedral, described in scenario 2 and adding a loft level to accommodate the choir and an additional 232 seats (at 21" per seat, or 258 seats @18" per seat), for a total of 670 and 786 seats, respectively. For this option (which can also be built at a later time), as phase IIA, add \$1,619,770 to the cost in scenario 2.

Before these options can be considered, however, a soils study needs to be done to determine the number of parking levels which can be built, among other things. When this study is done, the DEB (Development, Expansion and Building Committee) will convene to discuss the options. Meanwhile, fund raising strategies and options are being discussed.

(We ought to mention at this point that there are no new developments, as this issue of the *Herald* went to press, concerning the garage located opposite the Cathedral. Interest was expressed in acquiring this property for the purpose of building housing for the elderly and parking for use by the Cathedral.)

MARCH 9: GODPARENTS/ SPECIAL FRIENDS SUNDAY

This year's Godparent's Sunday will take place on Sunday, March 9, the eve of the Great Lent. Because some individuals may not be able to come to church that day with their Godparents or Godchildren, as the case may be, this day was expanded to include a special friend. During the Liturgy, prior to Holy Communion, we will recite our baptismal vows, as a reaffirmation of our faith. Then, we will all receive Holy Communion together. Following the Divine Liturgy, a complimentary brunch will be served in our community center. The brunch and the day itself are being sponsored by our Stewardship Committee. As a Godparent nurtures a godchild, so the Stewardship Committee nurtures our church and its people.

MARCH 25TH: THE FOUNTAINHEAD OF OUR SALVATION

March 25th marks the day when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and announced the good news of her becoming the "Mother of God." It is a great Christian Holy Day. It is especially meaningful for us, the parishioners of the Cathedral, because it is the Name Day of our Church. Great Vespers will be celebrated on Monday, March 24th, beginning at 7 p.m. The Philoptochos will host a coffee hour following the Great Vespers. On Tuesday, March 25th, the service of Orthros will be celebrated at 9 p.m., and will be followed by the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 10:15 a.m. A luncheon, also sponsored by the Cathedral Philoptochos, will follow the Divine Liturgy. During the Luncheon, the 2003 Woman of the Year will be proclaimed.

CELL PHONES AND CHURCH

We thank you for being sensitive to the prayerful atmosphere of the Divine Liturgy for yourself and for others by turning off your cell phone upon entering Church.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL DANCE GROUPS WIN AT FDF

This year's FDF was, by all accounts, a most successful event. First, it was the largest FDF ever, with more participants (spectators and dance groups) than ever before. Then, it was held at the Anaheim Hilton, adjacent to Disneyland and other attractions. Finally, our three groups (Angelakia, Filadelfakia and Kymata) were rewarded for their efforts, in addition to the self-satisfaction of participating in a mega-event of this kind.

Our little Angelakia was the first group to perform Sunday right after the Divine Liturgy. Although the group did not dance for competition, it was awarded special ribbons commending the children for their participation. Next, Filadelfakia received a Judges Special Achievement Award as well as the Advanced Primary Fourth Place. Kymata received the FDF Board of Trustees Choral Special Achievement Award as well as the Advanced Junior Third Place award. Congratulations!

Our dancers will be in church on Sunday, March 2, to present their trophies and receive our congratulations.

Meanwhile, we have not forgotten issues pertaining to our dance program which need to be addressed. Therefore, the parents, directors, and parent advisors, will invited to meet with Father Stephen on Tuesday, March 4. The meeting will take place at the Cathedral at 6:30 p.m.

GOYA TO HOLD LOCK-IN

On Friday, March 28, GOYA will attend the third Salutations service, beginning at 7 p.m. Following the services, the group will convene in the fellowship hall to begin addressing a number of global and personal issues. Afterwards, they will watch and critique a contemporary film. The group will spend the night at the Cathedral, sleeping in sleeping bags. They will also hold elections for new officers. The next morning, following breakfast, they will continue their discussions and assist in preparing for our Annunciation Feast Day. Michael

Canellos and Athena Stavrakaras serve as advisors to the group. Currently, Leah Stavrakaras is GOYA president. Maria Kalligeros is Vice-President. Mary Canellos is secretary. Stephanie Vorrisis is treasurer. GOYA will also help set up and serve on Godparents/Special Persons Day, Sunday, March 9.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

All students, grades 4 through High School, have received their information packets to enable them to participate in this year's oratorical festival. The festival will take place at the Cathedral on Sunday, March 23rd, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Parents, grandparents, and other family members are being asked to encourage your children's participation. The coffee hour that Sunday will follow the oratorical festival. The winners will go on to represent the Cathedral at the District competition, which will take place at the Church of the Nativity in Novato on Sunday, April 13. The winners of the regional festival will then go on to compete in the Metropolitan festival, which will take place at the St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center, May 9 and 10.

We look forward to another successful oratorical festival this year. The program is under the direction of Denise Yeilding, principal, and the teachers of the Cathedral Sunday School.

IONIAN VILLAGE- FAR BUT NOT-SO-FAR

Ionian Village is a summer camp setting along the Ionian Sea, owned and operated by the Archdiocese of America. Its summer programs are usually sold-out well in advance. Therefore, if you are interested in considering Ionian Village for your children, or for yourself, we recommend that you inquire early.

Ionian Village operates three programs:

1. A Summer Travel Camp, for 7th-9th grades, June 30 - July 17
2. Byzantine Adventure,

10th-12th grades, July 23 - August 9
3. Spiritual Odyssey, Ages 19-30, July 13 - July 28.

Each of these programs affords the participant the opportunity of visiting historical sites throughout Greece, in addition to the program at the Village itself. The Cathedral office has some brochures describing these programs in detail. Or, if you prefer, visit the web site at www.ionianvillage.org, or contact Ionian Village at (646) 519-6190 or via email at: ionianvillage@goarch.org.

BASKETBALL DIVISION RESULTS

The following are the results of the basketball divisions in the Bay Area.

Girls A Division

Annunciation*.....	5 0
St. Nicholas.....	4 1
Holy Cross.....	3 2
Ascension.....	2 3
Holy Trinity.....	1 4
St. Nicholas Ant.....	0 5

Girls C Division

Annunciation*.....	3 0
Holy Cross.....	1 2
Ascension.....	1 3

Boys C Division

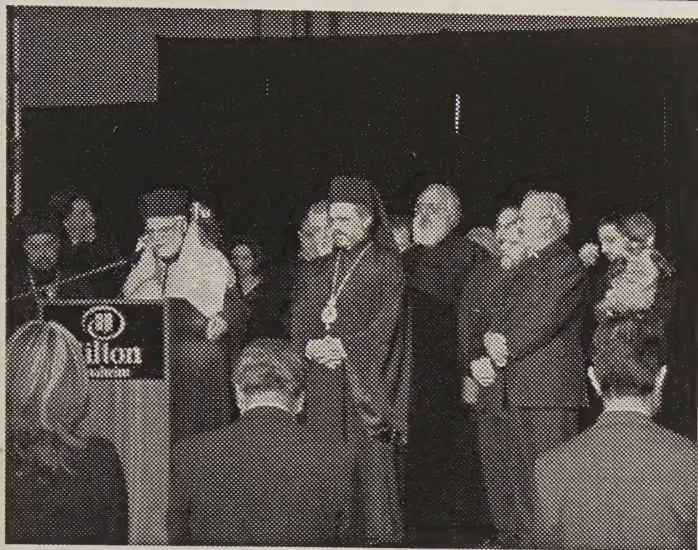
St. Nicholas #2*.....	5 0
Holy Cross #1.....	3 1
Holy Trinity.....	3 1
Ascension.....	2 2
Annunciation.....	2 3
Holy Cross #2.....	0 4
St. Nicholas #1.....	0 4

Boys B Division

Holy Cross*.....	5 0
Ascension.....	3 1
St. Nicholas.....	2 2
Holy Trinity.....	1 4
Annunciation.....	0 4

* Clinched League
Championship Tie

Photo Memories of 2003 FDF



Opening Ceremonies



Opening Colors



Our wonderful Dance Group "Kymata"



"Kymata" Chanting a Church hymn



"Kymata" performing a Cretan Dance



Proud Grandparents

Thanks to Christine Kalligeros for taking these and other great photos at this year's FDF.

**ANNUNCIATION
CATHEDRAL
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

March 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		SUNDAY SCHEDULE: Orthros - 9:00 am Divine Liturgy - 10:30 Sunday School - 10:30		Please take note of the Holy Days & scheduled Services		SAT. OF SOULS 10 - Liturgy at Cemetery Chapel 10 - Greek School 6 - MARDI GRAS + 1
12:30 - Bible Study - Marina Taylor 2	6:15 & 8:00 - Girl's High School Basketball Practice 3	6:15 - Dance Groups Meeting Basketball Practice 4	Greek School Basketball Practice 5	Basketball Practice 7 - Bible Study Fr. Gregory 6		SAT. OF SOULS 10 - Liturgy 10 - Greek School 8
GODPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS SUNDAY Liturgy & Brunch 12:30 - Bible Study - Marina Taylor + 9	GREAT LENT BEGINS 10	1 - Philoptochos Meeting Basketball Practice 11	Greek School Basketball Practice Festival Cooking Meeting 12	Basketball Practice 7 - Sunday School Teachers Meeting 7 - Bible Study Fr. Gregory 13	7 PM- FIRST SALUTATIONS 14	SAT. OF SOULS - ST. THEODORE 10 - Liturgy -JOY SNOWBOARDG 10 - Greek School 15
12:30 - Bible Study - Marina Taylor Basketball Games 16		Basketball Practice 18	Greek School Basketball Practice Parish Council Meeting 19	Basketball Practice 7 - Bible Study Fr. Gregory 20	7 PM- SECOND SALUTATIONS 21	9:30-2:30 - Educating Community - Ascension 10 - Greek School 22
ORATORICAL FESTIVAL followed by Brunch 12:30 - Bible Study - Marina Taylor Basketball Games + 23	7 - Vespers followed by Coffee Hour 24	ANNUNCIATION 10 - Liturgy Noon - Philoptochos Luncheon 25	Greek School Basketball Practice 26	Basketball Practice 7 - Bible Study Fr. Gregory 27	7 PM- THIRD SALUTATIONS GOYA Discussion and Lock-In 28	SAT. OF SOULS 10 - Liturgy 8am - GOYA Breakfast 10 - Greek School 29
2:30 - Greek Parade @ Civic Center & Mini-Glendi at Cathedral 30						
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The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society
of the

Annunciation Cathedral

Presents:

The 44th Annual Mothers' Day Luncheon
and Fashion Show

Saturday, May 10, 2003

11:30 am to 3:30 pm

245 Valencia Street

San Francisco

For Reservations call 415-864-8000

Mothers' Day Luncheon and Fashion Show

Saturday, May 10, 2003

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel No: _____


Please reserve ____ seat (s) @\$40.00 per person or table of 10 for \$400

Make checks payable to Ladies Philoptochos Society, by April 27, 2003

245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

Please list additional attendees names on the back of this form.

Tickets and seat assignments will be waiting for you at the door.



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METROPOLITAN PHILOPTOCHOS HOLDS MARDI GRAS AT CATHEDRAL

On Saturday, March 1, the Metropolitan Philoptochos will present A Taste of Mardi Gras, a gala fund raiser, to be held at the Cathedral, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A dinner, prepared by Kokkari Estiatorio, will follow at 7:30 p.m. In addition, there will be a fine art auction a balloon raffle, a live entertainment, and dancing to the music of Kymata. There will also be valet parking. Costumes are encouraged. The donation is \$75 per person and will benefit the Philoptochos Library Fund. To make reservations, please call Patricia Aleck at the Philoptochos office, 415 431-2600, or home, 415 566-8544.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE TO BE HELD MARCH 30th/GLENDI TO FOLLOW

This year's Greek Independence Day Parade will follow last year's format. It will begin at 2:30 p.m. at San Francisco's Civic Plaza. Paraders will begin arriving at the Cathedral at 3:30 p.m. A Glendi, similar to that of last year, with tiropites (cheese pies), spanakopites (spinach pies), gyros, pizza, salad, and refreshments, available for purchase, complete with music and dancing to the music of the Greek Compania, will follow, concluding at 8 p.m. Join us for what promises to be a wonderful celebration.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY TO BE OBSERVED AT ASCENSION

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will take place at the Ascension Cathedral, Oakland, on Sunday, March 16 at 5 p.m. Following the Vespers a light meal will be served in the fellowship hall. The proceeds will benefit IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities). Area clergy, choirs, and faithful, all worshipping together bear witness to the timeless mes-

sage of the Church as well as our unity as Orthodox Christians.

The Annunciation Cathedral will host this year's IOCC annual dinner in November.

PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER BAKE

Easter Breads are being offered by the Philoptochos, at \$10; Koulourakia (cookies) are also offered at \$6 per dozen; Red Colored Eggs are \$4 per dozen; hand-decorated red eggs are \$5 per dozen. To place an order, please complete a special order form, found at the pangari, or call the Cathedral office at 415 864-8000. Your order will be ready for pick-up Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26. The proceeds help fund the many philanthropic projects of the Philoptochos.

RECENT SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

MARRIAGE

On February 15, the marriage of Ronny Louie Mogannam and Antoinette Wadih Malouf was blessed at the Cathedral. Atina Salih served as sponsor.
Na mas zisoun! Mabrook! Congratulations!

FUNERALS

Vasiliki Triant Prepouses, who died on January 12, was buried January 17. Next of kin listed is her son, Nicholas Prepouses.

Demetra Panagakis, who died February 7, was buried February 12. Next of kin listed are Ann Eckelhoff and John Panagakis, children.

Aionia afton i mnimi! May their memory be eternal!

PHILOPTOCHOS 2003 SCHEDULE

The Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos asks that you make a note of the following additional dates for Philoptochos-sponsored events for the first part of 2003:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday, March 6	morning	Make Tiropites for March 30 Glendi
Tuesday, March 11	1 p.m.	General Meeting - Conference Room
Thursday, March 13	morning	Make Spanakopites for March 30 Glendi
Monday, March 24	7 p.m.	Annunciation Vespers & Coffee Hour
Tuesday, March 25	noon	Annunciation Feast Day Luncheon
Thursday, March 27	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Make Dolmathes for March 30 Glendi
Sunday, March 30	noon to 7 p.m.	Assist with Food at Parade Glendi
Tuesday, April 8	1 p.m.	General Meeting - Conference Room
Fri.- Sat., April 25-26	10 a.m.	Easter Bake Sales
Saturday, May 10	noon	Mother's Day Luncheon & Fashion Show

ΤΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΣΤΟΥΑΡΝΤΣΙΠ ΚΑΙ Η ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΗ ΕΝΙΣΧΥΣΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣ

Δεν υπάρχει ακριβής μετάφραση της λέξης "Στούαρντςιπ". Μερικές φορές η λέξη αυτή μεταφράζεται με τη λέξη "οικονομία," που προέρχεται από τις λέξεις "οίκος" και "νόμος". Η Καινή Διαθήκη μιλά για τον καλό οικονόμο, δηλαδή γι' αυτόν που διαχειρίστηκε σωστά την οικία ή την περιουσία που του εμπιστεύθηκε ο προϊστάμενός του. Ο οικονόμος της Καινής Διαθήκης δεν ασχολείται αποκλειστικά με χρήματα. Είναι διαχειριστής όλων των υποθέσεων που έχουν να κάνουν με την οικία. Έτσι, η λέξη "στούαρντςιπ" περιλαμβάνει και τις άλλες υποχρεώσεις που έχει ο κάθε Χριστιανός, να μεν, να φροντίζει για την οικονομική υγεία της οικογένειάς του και της Εκκλησίας του, αλλά να συμμερίζεται και τα υπόλοιπα αγαθά, να διαθέτει και χρόνο, να συμμερίζεται και τα ταλέντα του.

Το πρωτοσέλιδο άρθρο του παρόντος δελτίου μιλά για το όλο πρόγραμμα "στούαρντςιπ", τονίζει δε την υποχρέωση που έχουμε να δίνουμε "μέχρι εκεί που φθάνει το χέρι" που λέει μία παροιμία, και όχι τυπικά. Υπάρχουν άνθρωποι που δίνουν ανάλογα με τις δυνάμεις τους. Πολλοί, όμως, δίνουν στην Εκκλησία το λιγότερο που μπορούμε. Όταν, όμως, καταλάβουμε τί θα πει Εκκλησία, τι θα πει Ορθοδοξία, και ρωτάμε, πως μπορώ εγώ ν' ανταποκριθώ στις ανάγκες της Εκκλησίας μου σύμφωνα με τις δυνάμεις μου; τότε παίρνει άλλη μορφή το πράγμα.

Παίρνουμε παράδειγμα κάποιον (δεν ονομάζουμε ονόματα) που υπόβαλε την κάρτα του για το έτος 2003 μαζί με την επιταγή του, ως συνήθως.

Μιλώντας μια Κυριακή με μέλη της επιτροπής "στούαρντςιπ", άρχισε να βλέπει τα πράγματα διαφορετικά, και άλλαξε την προσφορά του. Από \$200 που ήτανε, την έκανε \$5,000. Δεν μιλάμε για κάποιο πλούσιο, αλλά για έναν οικογενιάρχη που δουλεύει σκληρά, όπως δουλεύουμε όλοι. Τι έγινε; Ο καλός αυτός Χριστιανός κατάλαβε ότι η Εκκλησία, δηλαδή η Κοινότητα του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού--ο Ευαγγελισμός της Θεοτόκου--εάν θα επιζήσει, θα επιζήσει από την πίστη του και από την ενίσχυσή του. Κατάλαβε ότι τα έξοδα της Εκκλησίας ανέρχονται στα \$600,000. Η Κοινότητά μας αποτελείται από 450-500 ενεργά μέλη. Έπρεπε κι' αυτός να κάνει το καθήκον του.

Ασφαλώς, δεν μπορούν όλοι να μιμηθούν το παράδειγμα αυτό. Όλοι, όμως, μπορούμε να καθίσουμε και να σκεφθούμε: τι θάπρεπε να κάνω εγώ για την Εκκλησία μου; χρησιμοποιώντας κάποιο κριτήριο, κάποιο ποσοστό; έχοντας υπόψη τον οδηγό της ίδιας της Αγίας Γραφής, που μιλά για 10%. Μία κοινότητα της περιοχής μας υιοθέτησε τον ακόλουθο οδηγό: \$1 δολλάριο κάθε βδομάδα για κάθε \$1000 που μας μένουν κάθε χρόνο, αφού πληρώσουμε τους φόρους μας. Π.χ. εάν μας μένουν \$40,000, τότε η εβδομαδιαία προσφορά μας θα ήτο \$40, κλπ.

Με αυτά εκφράζουμε ένα μεγάλο ευχαριστώ σε όλους σας, γιατί σεις είσθε ο Ευαγγελισμός. Ό,τι κάνετε, το κάνετε από αγάπη για τον Θεό, από πίστη σ'Αυτόν, και από αγάπη για την Εκκλησία Του.

ΤΙ ΓΙΝΕΤΑΙ ΣΤΗ ΓΕΙΤΟΝΙΑ ΜΑΣ:

Ασφαλώς θα ακούσατε τι έγινε την νύκτα "του κάβουρα". Κάποιος που προφανώς είχε πιεί ή που ακόμα είχε πάρει ναρκωτικά, αφού τέλειωσε το δείπνο και ο

μισός κόσμος είχε φύγει, πήγε να πειράξει ένα αντρόγυνο που πλησίασε το αυτοκίνητό του στον πίσω (τον ενοικιασμένο) χώρο. Στο μεταξύ, ήρθε η αστυνομία και τον συνέλαβε. Μπορούμε να πούμε ότι παρόμοιο γεγονός δεν έχει συμβεί τα τελευταία 16-17 χρόνια.

Αλλά, για να μη ξανασυμβεί, ελάβαμε τα ακόλουθα μέτρα: 1) σε όλες τις εκδηλώσεις που θα γίνονται στον Καθεδρικό Ναό, η ασφάλεια θα παραμένει μέχρις ότου φύγει ο τελευταίος φιλοξενούμενος και 2) ήρθαμε αμέσως σε επαφή με τους ιδιοκτήτες των πολυκατοικιών της γειτονιάς μας, όπως και με την αστυνομία. Συνεδριάσαμε στον Καθεδρικό Ναό στις 5 Φεβρουαρίου και συζητήσαμε θέματα που έχουν να κάνουν με την ασφάλεια και των κατοίκων και των εκκλησιαζομένων, ως επίσης με το ερώτημα, πως μπορούμε να σταματήσουμε την χρήση και την πώληση ναρκωτικών στην γειτονιά μας; Αντιπρόσωποι της αστυνομίας και της κυβέρνησης της πόλης μας είναι διατεθειμένοι να μας βοηθήσουν. Θα συναντηθούν μαζί μας για δεύτερη φορά στις 5 Μαρτίου, πάλι στον Καθεδρικό Ναό. Στόχος μας είναι μια ασφαλής γειτονιά, χωρίς ναρκωτικά, χωρίς βία. Όλοι μαζί, μπορούμε να το επιτύχουμε.

ΑΡΧΙΤΕΚΤΟΝΙΚΑ ΣΧΕΔΙΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΗ ΦΑΣΗ

Όπως σας πληροφορήσαμε σε προηγούμενο μας δελτίο, το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο ανέθεσε στον Αρχιτέκτονα να σχεδιάσει τρία σχέδια, μαζί με το ανάλογο κόστος, για να μπορέσει το Συμβούλιο να συζητήσει, αποφασίσει και να ποτείνει αυτό που θάταν το πιο κατάλληλο. Τα τρία σχέδια (η οι τρεις πιθανότητες) έχουν ως ακολούθως: 1) η επέκτασις του παρόντος εκκλησιαστικού χώρου προς το σιντριβάνι και η έγερση 3ορόφου πάρκιγκ.

(τα καθίσματα θα αυξηθούν σε 324 (21 ίντσες το κάθισμα) ή 400 (18" το κάθισμα). Το κόστος: \$3,836,960. 2) το κτίσιμο ναού όπως το δείχνει η μακέτα που βρίσκεται στην είσοδο (438 καθίσματα--21 ίντσες το κάθισμα--ή 528 καθίσματα--18 ίντσες το κάθισμα), με 2όροφο πάρκιγκ. Το κόστος: \$5,881,645. 3) Προθέτουμε γυναικονίτη στο 2 που αυξάνει τα καθίσματα. Προσθέτουμε 232 καθίσματα (21 ίντσες το κάθισμα) ή 258 (18" το κάθισμα). Συνολικά: 670 ή 786 καθίσματα. Το κόστος: προσθέτουμε στο 2) \$1,619,770. Τον επόμενο μήνα θα γίνει η ανάλογη (και υποχρεωτική) μελέτη-αλάλυση του εδάφους ώστε να ξεύρουμε πώς θάπρεπε να προχωρήσουμε.

25Η ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ· ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΣΩΤΗΡΙΑΣ.

Ο γιορτασμός αυτός, που γιορτάζεται κάπως πιο λαμπρά στον Καθεδρικό μας Ναο, που "γιορτάζει" αυτή την μεγάλη μέρα, θα αρχίσει με τον Μεγάλο Εσπερινό την Δευτέρα 24 Μαρτίου, στις 7 το απόγευμα, και θα συνεχίσει με τον Όρθο ανήμερα της Γιορτής, Τρίτη, 25 Μαρτίου, στις 9 το πρωί και Θεία Λειτουργία στις 10:15. Μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία θα επακολουθήσει γεύμα, που οργανώνει η Φιλόπρωχος Αδελφότητα του Καθεδρικού Ναού, μαζί με την ανακήρυξη της "Γυναίκας του Έτους".

ΠΑΣΧΑΛΙΝΑ ΤΣΟΥΡΕΚΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΑΛΛΑ

Όπως κάθε χρόνο, και εφέτος η Φιλόπρωχος Αδελφότητα του Καθεδρικού Ναού θα ετοιμάσει πασχαλινά τσουρέκια, αυγά, και κουλουράκια. Το κέρδος ενισχύει τα διάφορα φιλανθρωπικά προγράμματα της Φιλοπρωχου. Για να παραγγείλετε, συμπληρώσετε το ανάλογο έντυπο που βρίσκεται στον Νάρθηκα, ή τηλεφωνήστε στον Καθεδρικό Ναό, στο 415 864-8000.

ΓΙΟΡΤΑΣΜΟΣ ΤΗΣ 25ΗΣ ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ

Η δε εθνική γιορτή θα γιορτασθεί την Κυριακή 30 Μαρτίου με παρέλαση, που θα αρχίσει από το Δημαρχείο του Σαν Φρανσίσκο στις 2:30 το απόγευμα και θα τελειώσει στον Καθεδρικό Ναό, κατά τις 3:30. Στον Καθεδρικό Ναό, όπως και πέρυσι, θα επακολουθήσει γλέντι, με μουσική της Ελληνικής Κομπανίας και διάφορα ελαφρύα φαγητά. Την παρέλασι οργανώνουν τα Ενωμένα Σωματεία, ενώ το γλέντι το οργανώνει η Φιλόπρωχος Αδελφότητα του Καθεδρικού Ναού μαζί με τα χορευτικά μας συγκροτήματα.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΙΑΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΟΚΛΑΝΔΗ

Ο Μέγας Εσπερινός με την ευκαιρία της Κυριακής της Ορθοδοξίας θα γίνει στην Εκκλησία της Αναλύψεως, Οκλάνδη, την Κυριακή 16 Μαρτίου, και ώρα 5 μ.μ. Ο καφές που δίδεται μετά τον εσπερινό θα ενισχύσει το Πανορθόδοξο Φιλανθρωπικό Οργανισμό.

ΤΑ ΧΟΡΕΥΤΙΚΑ ΣΥΓΚΡΟΤΗΜΑΤΑ ΚΕΡΔΗΣΑΝ ΣΤΟ ΧΟΡΕΥΤΙΚΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ

Σε ένα αξέχαστο χορευτικό φεστιβάλ, που έγινε στην πόλη Άναχαϊμ 14-17 Φεβρουαρίου, τα τρία συγκροτήματα του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού, τα Αγγελάκια, τα Φιλαδελφάκια, και τα Κύματα, βραβεύθηκαν για τους χορούς και για τα τραγούδια τους. Τα παιδιά θα παρουσιάσουν τα βραβεία τους στο τέλος της Θείας Λειτουργίας την Κυριακή 2 Μαρτίου. Την Τρίτη 4 Μαρτίου, και ώρα 6:30 μ.μ., οι γονείς, οι δάσκαλοι, και οι σύμβουλοι θα συνεδριάσουν με τον Πατέρα Στυλιανό και θα συζητήσουν θέματα που αφορούν το χορευτικό πρόγραμμα του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού.

ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ "ΙΩΑΝΝΗΣ ΧΡΥΣΟΣΤΟΜΟΣ"

Κάθε χρόνο, τα παιδιά του Κατηχητικού μας Σχολείου λαμβάνουν μέρος στο ομιλιτικό φεστιβάλ που λέγεται "Ιωάννης ο Χρυσόστομος". Εφέτος, το φεστιβάλ αυτό θα γίνει την Κυριακή 23 Μαρτίου στο τέλος της Θείας Λειτουργίας, και στην συνέχεια ο καφές. Τα παιδιά θα μας μιλήσουν για 1-2 λεπτά το καθένα για θέμα που αφορά τη θρησκεία μας και που αυτά θα έχουν επιλέξει. Παρακαλούνται οι γονείς να ενθαρρύνουν τα παιδιά τους να λάβουν μέρος στο φεστιβάλ αυτό.

9 ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ· ΗΜΕΡΑ ΑΝΑΔΟΧΩΝ-ΑΝΑΔΕΚΤΩΝ

Όπως κάθε χρόνο, και εφέτος, την Κυριακή 9 Μαρτίου, μας δίδεται η ευκαιρία να εκκλησιασθούμε μαζί--ανάδοχοι και αναδεκτά--νοοί και βαφτιστικά--να πούμε ακόμα μία φορά το "αποτάσσομαι" και το "συντάσσομαι", και να κοινωνήσουμε τα Άχραντα Μυστήρια μαζί.

Μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία η επιτροπή που φροντίζει για "στούαρντσιπ" θα μας έχει πρωινό, δωρεάν, στην Κοινοτική μας αίθουσα.

Η ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΙΚΗ ΦΙΛΟΠΤΩΧΟΣ ΣΑΣ ΚΑΛΕΙ ΣΕ ΑΠΟΚΡΕΑΤΙΚΟ ΓΛΕΝΤΙ

Το γλέντι αυτό θα λάβει χώρα στον Καθεδρικό Ναό το Σάββατο 1 Μαρτίου ώστε να γιορτάσουμε τα γενέθλια του Σεβασμιωτάτου Μητροπολίτου μας κ. Αντωνίου. Η δεξίωση θα αρχίσει στις 6:30 το απόγευμα. Θα επακολουθήσει δείπνο που θα ετοιμάσει το εστιατόριο Κοκκάρι, στις 7:30. Μουσική η ορχήστρα Κύματα. Η προσφορά είναι \$75 το άτομο.

Για να κλείσετε θέσεις τηλεφωνήστε στην Παναγιώτα Αλεξοπούλου, στο 415 431-2600 ή στο 415 566-8544.

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